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The Honorable Tom Cole,
Chairman
Subcommittee on Transportation,
Housing and Urban Development, and
Related Agencies
House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Mike Quigley,
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Transportation,
Housing and Urban Development, and
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member Quigley,

As you begin your critical work on the Fiscal Year 2024 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill, I request that you to include \$3,000,000 for the County of San Mateo's Half Moon Bay Farmworker Homeownership Project Expansion. This request for Community Project Funding is associated with the Department of Housing and Urban Development Economic Development Initiatives account.

The requested funding will allow the County to build a manufactured home community for 48 extremely low-income farmworker households in Half Moon Bay, California. The tragic shooting at two farms in Half Moon Bay in January not only claimed the lives of seven farmworkers but also revealed the substandard housing that many farmworkers are living in due to the lack of affordable housing in the region. The median farmworker household income in Half Moon Bay is \$37,150, less than 20 percent of the County area median income for a family of four. Renting a two-bedroom apartment in Half Moon Bay costs an average of about \$36,000 a year, approximately 97 percent of the median income for a farmworker.

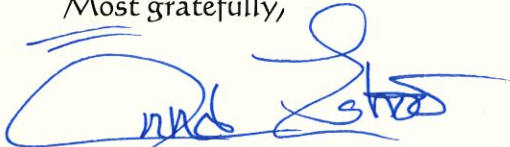
The planned site of the development is within walking distance of downtown and near local schools, the city library, a planned farmworker resource center, the soon-to-open Opportunity Center of the Coastsides, and other community amenities. Community residents will have the opportunity to own their units through a California zero percent interest loan program for very low-income farmworker households that is forgivable after 20 years. Case managers will provide budgeting and other support to all resident households.

As an indication of community support, I've enclosed 11 letters of support from the following local elected officials and community leaders:

- Senator Josh Becker, California State Senate
- Assemblymember Marc Berman, California State Assembly
- Assemblymember Phil Ting, California State Assembly
- Assemblymember Diane Papan, California State Assembly
- President Dave Pine, San Mateo County Board of Supervisors
- Mayor Deborah Penrose, City of Half Moon Bay
- Eric DeBode, Executive Director, Abundant Grace Coastsides Worker
- Judith Guerrero, Executive Director, Coastsides Hope
- Belinda Hernandez-Arriaga, Executive Director, Ayudando Latinos a Soñar
- Sandra Winter, Executive Director, Senior Coastsiders
- Anni Chug, Self-Help for the Elderly

If enacted, this request would provide much-needed affordable housing for many of the most vulnerable residents in the community, and it's why I wholeheartedly support this Community Project Funding request and ask that you do so as well.

Most gratefully,



Anna C. Eshoo

Enclosures